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SUBJECT: JCSD-MOSCOW TRIP TO ASHGABAT,
TURKMENISTAN

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B) 97 MOSCOW 18104 (171453Z JUL 97)

1. SUMMARY: FEBRUARY 4-6, 1998, JOINT COMMISSION SUPPORT DIRECTORATE (JCSD)- MOSCOW REPRESENTATIVES DANZ BLASSER AND RICHARD HARRISON TRAVELLED TO ASHGABAT, TURKMENISTAN, TO INTERVIEW IGOR ATAYEVICH SEIDOV WHO PROVIDED EXTENSIVE LEADS ON SOVIET KOREAN AND VIETNAM WAR VETERANS. END SUMMARY.

2. ON FEBRUARY 5, 1998, JOINT COMMISSION SUPPORT DIRECTORATE (JCSD) - MOSCOW REPRESENTATIVES DANZ BLASSER AND RICHARD HARRISON MET WITH IGOR ATAYEVICH SEIDOV (ASHGABAT, TURKMENISTAN, UL ANDALIBA 69, KV. 37; H/TEL: 3632-41-92-87; W/TEL: 3632-25-68-55; 3632-29-44-63), REGARDING HIS WORK WITH SOVIET KOREAN WAR VETERANS. SEIDOV IS AN AMATEUR HISTORIAN, WHO WORKS AS A TECHNICIAN FOR A LOCAL TELEVISION STATION.

3. SEIDOV TOLD THE TEAM THAT HE HAS BEEN WORKING SINCE 1989 ON A BOOK ABOUT SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN THE AIR WAR IN KOREA. HOWEVER, UNLIKE HIS MOSCOW COUNTERPARTS, LEONID KRYLOV AND YURIY TEPURKAYEV (REFS A AND B), WHO RELY PRIMARILY ON ARCHIVAL MATERIALS, SEIDOV IS PRODUCING MORE OF AN "ORAL HISTORY" OF THE CONFLICT, BASED ON THE MEMORIES OF THOSE SOVIET PILOTS WHO TOOK PART. AS A RESULT OF THIS WORK, HE HAS AMASSED AN IMPRESSIVE COLLECTION OF CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER INFORMATION, WHICH HE AGREED TO SHARE WITH US.

4. SEIDOV GAVE THE TEAM A LIST OF 376 NAMES OF SOVIET KOREAN WAR PARTICIPANTS, MOSTLY PILOTS, INCLUDING IN MANY CASES ADDRESSES AND PHONE

NUMBERS, AS WELL AS THEIR RANK AND DUTIES. IN MANY CASES THIS DATA CONFIRMED INFORMATION ALREADY ACCUMULATED, WHILE IN OTHERS IT IS ENTIRELY NEW AND SIGNIFICANTLY EXPANDS JCSD-MOSCOW'S OWN DATA BASE. THE TEAM WILL INCORPORATE THIS NEW DATA INTO ITS RECORDS AS A BASIS FOR EXPANDING ITS INTERVIEW PROGRAM.

5. SEIDOV ALSO ALLOWED THE TEAM TO PHOTOCOPY INFORMATION FROM THREE OF THE NUMEROUS NOTEBOOKS HE HAS ACCUMULATED DURING HIS RESEARCH. SUMMARIES OF THESE NOTEBOOKS FOLLOW:

A. THE FIRST PACKET CONSISTS OF 101 HAND-WRITTEN PAGES, CONTAINING AN ALPHABETICAL LISTING OF PILOTS AND OTHER AIR FORCE PERSONNEL. THIS INFORMATION INCLUDES, IN MANY CASES, THE INDIVIDUAL'S NAME, RANK, POSITION, REGIMENT, DIVISION, AND IN SOME CASES, THE NUMBERS AND TYPES OF AIRCRAFT HE IS CREDITED WITH SHOOTING DOWN. THE LIST CONTAINS A TOTAL OF 1,178 NAMES. THE SECOND PART OF THIS PACKET CONTAINS A 22-PAGE LIST OF 795 SOVIET AIR FORCE PERSONNEL WHO SERVED IN KOREA. THESE NAMES ARE ORGANIZED BY UNIT, DOWN TO THE SQUADRON LEVEL, AND OFTEN INCLUDE INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER AND TYPES OF AIRCRAFT THE INDIVIDUAL IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE SHOT DOWN. ANOTHER PART OF THIS PACKET INCLUDES AN 8-PAGE, ALPHABETIZED LIST OF 141 SOVIET PILOTS WHO DIED IN KOREA.

B. THE SECOND PACKET CONSISTS OF 46 PAGES AND LISTS 531 INDIVIDUALS WHO SERVED IN KOREA, AND IS EVIDENTLY A CONTINUATION OF THE 22-PAGE LIST

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DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 5A. THE NAMES ARE ORGANIZED BY UNIT, DOWN TO THE SQUADRON LEVEL, AND OFTEN INCLUDE INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER AND TYPES OF AIRCRAFT THE INDIVIDUAL IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE SHOT DOWN. THE SECOND PART OF THIS PACKET CONSISTS OF 12 PAGES, CONTAINING AN ALPHABETICAL LISTING OF PILOTS AND OTHER AIR FORCE PERSONNEL, AND IS A CONTINUATION OF THE MATERIAL DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH A. THIS INFORMATION INCLUDES, IN MANY CASES, THE INDIVIDUAL'S NAME, RANK, POSITION, REGIMENT, DIVISION, AND IN SOME CASES, THE TYPE OF AIRCRAFT HE IS CREDITED WITH SHOOTING DOWN. THIS LIST CONTAINS 104 NAMES.

C. THE THIRD PACKET CONTAINS 55 PAGES OF HAND-WRITTEN MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM LEONID KRYLOV (SEE REF A), WHO HAS SPENT THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS WORKING IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE ARCHIVES IN PODOLSK, MOSCOW OBLAST, ON A HISTORY OF THE SOVIET AIR WAR IN KOREA. THE MATERIAL LISTS THE DATE AND TYPE OF AIRCRAFT THE SOVIETS CLAIM TO HAVE SHOT DOWN, ORGANIZED ACCORDING TO THE SOVIET UNIT AND

PILOT INVOLVED.

7. SEIDOV ALSO GAVE THE TEAM A TYPED LIST, EXTENDING 14 PAGES, OF SOVIET SHOOTDOWN CLAIMS DURING THE KOREAN WAR, DATING FROM NOVEMBER 1, 1950 TO JULY 21, 1953. THIS DATA INCLUDES THE DATE OF THE CLAIMED VICTORY, THE TYPE OF AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN, THE RANK AND NAME OF THE SOVIET PILOT CREDITED WITH THE VICTORY, AND THE REGIMENT HE SERVED IN.

8. SEIDOV ALSO DICTATED THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF OTHER SOVIET KOREAN WAR PARTICIPANTS, WHOSE NAMES ARE NOT ON ANY OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED LISTS. THESE ARE ALEKSEY PARAMONOVICH PARAFIENKO (KIEV, UKRAINE 252142, UL. DOBROKHOTOVA 2, KV. 32; TEL 044-444-06-11, WHO WAS THE NAVIGATOR FOR THE 9TH FIGHTER DIVISION, OF THE PACIFIC FLEET; DMITRIY YAKOVLEVICH MIRLICHENKO (BROVARI, KIEV OBLAST, UKRAINE 255020, UL. CHKALOVA 16, KV. 16; TEL: 04494-509-34), WHO WAS A PILOT IN THE 3RD SQUADRON, 236TH FIGHTER REGIMENT, 37TH FIGHTER DIVISION, AND WHO ARRIVED IN KOREA IN JUNE, 1953; VIKTOR GEORGIYEVICH VERKHOVENSKIY (KIEV, UKRAINE 252050, UL. MURASHKO 4, KV. 47, TEL: 044-213-40-54), WHO WAS AN ARMAMENTS ENGINEER IN THE 523RD, 256TH, AND 876TH FIGHTER REGIMENTS, AND; NIKOLAY TIMOFEYEVICH KOZLOV (MOSCOW OBLAST, ODINTSOVSKIY RAYON, KUBINKA STATION 143070, BLDG. 2, KV. 12; NO TELEPHONE), WHO WAS A MECHANIC IN THE 16TH AND 176TH FIGHTER REGIMENTS.

9. DURING THE COURSE OF SEIDOV'S WORK HE HAS UNCOVERED THE NAMES OF SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS WHO SERVED IN VIETNAM DURING THE VIETNAM WAR IN A VARIETY OF ROLES. THESE ARE EVGENIY IVANOVICH POLIVAICO, 103064 MOSCOW, PEREULOK A. GAIDARA 4, KV. 43, TEL: 227-05-17, WHO SERVED IN CHINA DURING THE KOREAN WAR AS THE ZAMPOLIT OF THE 415TH FIGHTER REGIMENT AND LATER SERVED IN VIETNAM AS AN ADVISOR TO THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AIR FORCE AND AZAT TAGIROVICH ZAGRETDINOV, 196207 ST. PETERSBURG, LENINSKIY PROSPEKT 120, KV. 40, TEL: 255-20-91, WHO SERVED IN THE SOVIET MERCHANT FLEET AND SAW CAPTURED U.S. SERVICEMEN AND REPORTEDLY HAS PICTURES OF THEM.

10. SEIDOV WAS AT ALL TIMES HELPFUL AND IS

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WILLING TO ASSIST JCSD-MOSCOW FURTHER. HIS INFORMATION, HOWEVER ABUNDANT, SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH A GRAIN OF SALT. IN SOME PLACES HIS DATA CONFLICTS WITH THAT ALREADY GATHERED BY THE TEAM FROM ARCHIVAL AND OTHER SOURCES. ALSO, A NUMBER OF THE PILOTS HE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH HAVE SINCE DIED. IT SHOULD ALSO BE REMEMBERED THAT SEIDOV IS RELYING PRIMARILY ON THE MEMORIES OF MEN

WHO ARE NOW AT LEAST 70 YEARS OLD, RECALLING
EVENTS WHICH TOOK PLACE MORE THAN 45 YEARS AGO.
NONETHELESS, THIS IS A CONTACT WHICH IS WORTH
MAINTAINING.

11. JOINT COMMISSION SUPPORT DIRECTORATE-MOSCOW
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